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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2006, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species VI, corresponding to Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 and 16-20, for initial examination in this application. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 and 16-20 reads on the elected Species. Claim 1 is generic to all of Species I-IX outlined in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all Species are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for Species VI should encompass a thorough and complete search for all Species I-IX. Thus, search and examination of all Species herein could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all Species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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